

National Course modification summary: Modern Languages



National 4, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher: session 2021–22

This information applies to:

- ◆ Cantonese
- ◆ French
- ◆ Gaelic (Learners)
- ◆ German
- ◆ Italian
- ◆ Mandarin (Simplified)
- ◆ Mandarin (Traditional)
- ◆ Spanish
- ◆ Urdu*

National 4

Modifications for session 2021–22 remain the same as session 2020–21.

Added value unit

The requirement to complete the added value unit is removed for session 2021–22. To achieve the overall course award for National 4 this session, candidates must pass all other contributing units in the National 4 course. You must submit a 'pass' result for the added value unit to ensure your candidates are certificated for the course award.

You are not required to gather evidence for the added value unit this session; however, it is important you give candidates opportunities to develop and demonstrate the skills, knowledge and understanding outlined in the National 4 added value unit specification, where possible. This will support your candidates as they progress to further learning and assessment at SCQF level 5.

National 5

Modifications for session 2021–22 remain the same as session 2020–21.

Component	Marks	Scaled marks	Duration
Question paper 1: Reading	30	not applicable	1 hour and 30 minutes (Chinese languages 2 hours)
Question paper 1: Writing	20	30	
Question paper 2: Listening	20	30	30 minutes approximately
Performance–talking	30	not applicable	6–8 minutes approximately

Question paper 1: Writing

This question paper has 20 marks, to be scaled to 30 marks for session 2021–22.

Assignment–writing

This component has been removed from the course assessment for session 2021–22, reducing the overall number of raw course assessment marks by 20.

Higher

Modifications for session 2021–22 remain the same as session 2020–21.

Component	Marks	Scaled marks	Duration
Question paper 1: Reading	30	not applicable	2 hours (Chinese languages 2 hours and 40 minutes)
Question paper 1: Directed Writing	20	30	
Question paper 2: Listening	20	30	30 minutes approximately
Performance–talking	30	not applicable	10 minutes approximately

Question paper 1: Directed Writing

This question paper has 20 marks, to be scaled to 30 marks for session 2021–22.

Assignment–writing

This component has been removed from the course assessment for session 2021–22, reducing the overall number of raw course assessment marks by 20.

Advanced Higher

Component	Marks	Duration
Question paper: Reading and Translation	50	1 hour and 30 minutes
Question paper: Listening and Discursive Writing	70	1 hour and 20 minutes (Chinese languages 1 hour and 45 minutes)
Portfolio	30	See 'Course assessment' section in the course specification
Performance–talking	50	15 minutes

Portfolio

This component has been reinstated.

Performance–talking

The length of time has been reduced from 20 to 15 minutes, and the requirement to discuss the portfolio has been removed for session 2021–22.

*Information on Advanced Higher does not apply to Urdu.

If you have any questions about these changes, please email qualification.development@sqa.org.uk.